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To: Neumann, Doug

Subject: I-jobs letter from EDA

TO: Doug Neumann, Cedar Rapids Economic Planning and Redevelopment Corporation (EPRC)

FROM: Robert Cecil, Economic Development Administration, Des Moines

SUBJECT: EDA support for Cedar Rapids' Events Center

DATE: Aug. 11, 2009

The Economic Development Administration (EDA) of the U.S. Department of Commerce has received the city's proposal for the above referenced project. We feel that this project, submitted under EDA's disaster recovery appropriation, is consistent with our agency's recovery mission. While EDA has not yet officially acted on this project proposal for \$39 million, we are in ongoing intensive negotiations with the EPRC and the City of Cedar Rapids regarding our final determination. Both the City and the EPRC have been highly responsive to our requests for supporting information and we are optimistic that remaining questions can be resolved and that funding at a significant level will be forthcoming.

It should be further noted that EDA is aware of the potential funding towards this project by the I-Jobs program and perhaps other funding sources. These funding sources do not conflict in any way with EDA's commitment, and EDA strongly encourages the additional support from these sources. The only possible conflict with matching funds would involve federal funds with direct federal identity. These proposed matching funds from the I-Jobs Program are not direct federal funds and therefore will not represent any duplication of benefits issues that we can foresee.

Please feel free to contact me if you need additional information. Should you require this communication on hard copy, please let me know.

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